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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF KINSHASA E-SYSTEMS (TAI) OFFICE

REF: KINSHASA 2947

1. DEPTOFF DISCUSSED TAI'S KINSHASA OFFICE AND ZAIRIAN SITUATION WITH TAI PRESIDENT WILLIAM HALL WHO STATED THAT HE NO LONGER HAD ANY CHOICE ABOUT RETAINING TAI OFFICE IN KINSHASA. ORIGINAL TAI PROGRAM, APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AUTHORIZED ONE YEAR OPERATION. HALL HAS SINCE OBTAINED TWO EXTENSIONS (TOTALING FIVE MONTHS) ON BASIS PROMISES FROM ZAIRIAN GENDARMERIE COMMANDER. TAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS NOW SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED HALL TO CLOSE DOWN OFFICE AT END OF SCHOOL YEAR IN KINSHASA (TO ENABLE SITHOLE'S CHILDREN TIME TO COMPLETE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR).

2. HALL HIMSELF EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH HIS INABILITY TO KEEP OFFICE OPEN. IF GOZ WOULD OPEN LETTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CREDIT FOR MICRO-WAVE COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT, HALL

BELIEVES BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL REVERSE DECISION.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH DISCUSS ABOVE SITUATION WITH
APPROPRIATE GOZ OFFICIALS. IF LETTER OF CREDIT FORTHCOMING

TAI LIKELY RETAIN OFFICE. IF NOT, TAI PROMISES TO KEEP IN
TOUCH AND RETURN WHEN CONDITIONS MORE FAVORABLE. ROBINSON

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